Hunter elected to term on ASC Committee

BY TOM CONRAD

Walter Hunter, Jr. Elected to Second Three Year Term on ASC County Committee - The community committees met at the ASCS office on December 11, 1980 to serve as delegates to the County Convention. Their purpose was to vote a regular member to the County Committee, vote a first and second alternate to the County Committee and to determine a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Regular Member to the Committee.

The result of their voting was that Walter Hunter, Jr., was elected to serve a second three year term on the Committee. Harold Jones and Norman Booth were elected to serve as first and second alternate respectively.

The delegates voted the following positions to the three regular members: Chairman - W. E. Bondurant, Jr.; Vice-chairman - W. D. Hunter, Jr.; and Regular Member - W. D. Hix, III.

These committemen assume office on January 1 and will administer programs governed by ASCS.

1981 Flue-Cured Tobacco Quota Reduced 7.5 Percent - The 1981 flue-cured tobacco national marketing quota will be 1.013 billion pounds, down 82 million pounds from the 1980 crop.

Estimates are that undermarketings will exceed overmarketings by 80 million pounds. This will make the 1981 effective quota about 1.093 billion pounds, or 94 million pounds below the 1980 effective quota.

In the tobacco program, farmers who produce less than their quota of tobacco in one year (an undermarketing) are allowed to "overmarket" the following year.

After undermarketings are taken into account, USDA felt it necessary to reduce the 1981 quota so that the reduction in supplies would come about in an orderly manner.

Supplies of flue-cured tobacco - the quantity on hand at the start of the 1980 marketing year plus 1980 marketings - are about 455 million pounds in excess of the reserve supply level. The reserve supply level is the quantity considered adequate to meet estimated domestic use and export needs. Current legislation provides for reducing the quota when supplies exceed the reserve supply level.

The national acreage allotment is 546,386 acres, down from the 1980 allotment of 590, 615 acres. Therefore, individual farm acreage allotments and poundage quotas will be about 7½ percent below the 1980 level except for undermarketings and overmarketings.

Estimated marketings from the 1981 quota are expected to be 1.040 million pounds, down 55 million pounds from the 1980 crop.

ASCS TODAY
By Tom Conrad

USDA Asks For Comments on 1981 Dark Tobacco Programs - The public has until January 13 to comment on how large the 1981 national marketing quotas should be for several kinds of dark tobaccos.

A final decision on quotas will be announced by February 1, according to Ray Fitzgerald, Administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Stabilizaiton and Conservation Service.

Fitzgerald said national marketing quotas will be established for these types of tobaccos:

Type: Fire-Cured (types 21-23) - **Principal Growing States** Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia; **Type:** Virginia Sun-Cured (type 37) - **Principal Growing State:** Virginia.

Further details about the programs for these types of tobaccos have been published in the November 14 Federal Register.

Comments should be sent to the Director, Price Support and Loan Division, USDA - ASCS, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, D.C. 20013. The comments will be available for public inspection in the Office of the Director, Room 3741 of USDA's South Building.

Pictured above are (left to right) Jerry Franklin, Latisha Wooten, Angie Thompson, Dusty Wilhoit, Jimmy Hayes, Daryl Dawson, Cheryl Johnson.

Kids contact embassies

Students in Miss Gillam's third grade class have been in contact with embassies located in our nation's capitol. The students were assigned countries and then wrote letters to the embassies in Washington asking for information ... Nations from the seven continents were included. So far six of the twenty-five embassies have responded. Letters, pamphlets, flip charts, embassy greeting cards and maps have reached the children. Each student keeps his correspondence after making a presentation to the classmates. The project developed from a language letter writing unit. Students in room 2 are eagerly awaiting the arrival of more embassy response.

Scouts slate skate night

The Girl Scouts and Brownies of Appomattox County, are sponsoring a skating night at A. J. Skateworld on Tuesday, Dec. 30, 1980 from 7-10 p.m. Tickets are on sale for $2.00 from all Girl Scouts and Brownies. They will also be sold at the door. A 50c skate rental will be charged at the door.

The Scouts will be there as troops, as a service unit event. Come out and support the Appomattox County Girl Scouts and have a night of skating.

Two named to dean's list

RADFORD-Lisa G. Dickerson and Cynthia D. Hix of Pamplin were recently named to the fall quarter dean's list at Radford University.

Ms. Dickerson, a senior recreation major, is the daughter of E. W. Dickerson of Rt. 2, and Ms. Hix, a senior home economics major, is the daughter of William D. Hix of Rt. 1.

Buckingham offices to close

Most county offices located at Buckingham Courthouse will be closed Friday, December 26, 1980 and Friday, January 2, 1981 in observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

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Council approves new water-sewer charges

Appomattox town sewer and water rates for Fiscal 1981 were approved at a special meeting of the Mayor and Council Thursday night.

Water service charges for customers within the town limits will include a minimum bi-monthly charge of $6.50 for use of up to 4,000 gallons, and all consumption over 4,000 gallons will be billed at the rate of $1.35 per thousand gallons.

For customers outside the town limits, water service charges will include a minimum bi-monthly charge of $15 for use of up to 4,000 gallons, and all consumption over 4,000 gallons will be billed at the rate of $1.35 per thousand gallons.

Sewer service charges for customers in the town limits will include a minimum bi-monthly charge of $4 for metered water consumption up to 4,000 gallons. The sewer rate for metered water consumption over 4,000 gallons will be $0.90 per thousand gallons.

For sewer customers outside the town limits, there will be a minimum bi-monthly charge of $18 for metered water consumption up to 4,000 gallons. The sewer rate for metered water consumption over 4,000 gallons will be $0.90 per thousand gallons.

Sewer customers outside the town limits who do not have town water service will be billed based on the average, bi-monthly metered water consumption of a similar in-town user for the same billing period; i.e., residential, commercial, industrial, etc., except as otherwise determined by the Town Council.

There will be a minimum bi-monthly charge of $18 for water consumption up to 4,000 gallons. The sewer rate for water consumption over 4,000 gallons will be billed at $0.90 per thousand gallons.

At Thursday's meeting, the Mayor and Council also approved the town tax rate for Fiscal 1981, which is unchanged from last year's.

The rates are as follows:

Real Estate - $0.20 per hundred dollars assessed value;

Personal Property - $0.55 per hundred dollars assessed value;

Machinery and tools - $1.10 per hundred dollars assessed value;

Mobile Homes - $0.20 per hundred dollars assessed value.

Town Manager Bill Britton pointed out that federal revenue-sharing funds for the next fiscal year have been approved by the Congress, a major factor in the town's tax rates' remaining unchanged. He said this action by Congress will provide the Town of Appomattox will approximately $22,000, and the county with approximately $100,000.

In other business, Council approved installation of cathodic protection and a telemetry system for the town water tank. They systems will be funded by a portion of a $151,000 federal Department of Housing and Urban Development grant to upgrade the town's total water system.

Britton also told Council that a proposed change of locations for the town's new sewer plant has been approved by the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

Plans for the proposed new site, on Continental Can property south of the Falling River Country Club, will be forwarded to the state Water Control Board for approval.

The site originally proposed for the new sewer plant was the Barger property, located southeast of Falling River Country Club.

H.A. PAULETTE (right), who has served as Appomattox County Schools transportation supervisor since 1957, will retire as of Jan. 1, it was announced this week. Assuming the duties of Transportation Supervisor at that time will be W.C. Perrow (left), who has taught in the county public schools agriculture department since 1970. Paulette said he will continue to work part-time with the Transportation Department after his retirement. Paulette thanked the people of Appomattox for the "fine cooperation they have given me during my years as transportation director." Perrow said he hopes he can continue to work with the people of Appomattox County as successfully as Paulette, rendering the same fine service as in the past.

WITH DECEMBER 25 almost here, Appomattox began to wind down from the pre-Christmas rush this week. Old Man Winter hit home hard Sunday, the first official day of the cold season, and many in town were heard murmuring hopes of a white Christmas to accompany the sub-freezing temperatures which ushered in the first day of winter. Business activity accelerated in a flurry of last-minute shopping last week, but by early this week, most Appomattox residents had their shopping done and were relaxing in anticipation of the celebration of Christ's birth. This photo, taken on Main Street above the Depot late Monday night, contrasts sharply with the scenes of frectic shopping activity which characterized Main Street last week. As an air of tranquility settled over the town, the occasional late-night motorist had a chance to enjoy the town decorations and ponder the true meaning of Christmas. (Photo by Allen Austin)

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

Flash! Social item: Mr. and Mrs. S. Claus and Elvés are expected to visit Mr. and Mrs. Times-Virginian Reader and Family next Wednesday evening.

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News reports mention that there is a chance a state of economic emergency may be declared. So what else is new. Some of us have lived in that state for years and know its problems. Truly an economic emergency for teenagers, too. How much to spend on gifts for that special boy or girl friend. And how about the emergency that arises Christmas Day when the cards get mixed up and you cannot figure out who gave what to whom. Or when you receive a nice gift from someone you somehow overlooked. Or when extra guests arrive. Heavens to Betsy there are many economic emergencies this time of year, and more, too when January bills come in. But it is part of the procedure and your game plan will take care of it.

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For one who cannot sing, I write a lot about music. Christmas music is almost as important as Christmas dinner. Lately the world has mourned the death of John Lennon and recordings of his songs and of The BeatleGroup have topped sales statistics. A worthy tribute. I had my own nomination for the Number One all time record. That was "White Christmas" by Bing Crosby. I went down to my basement and came up with an armful of favorite records, all 78's. Yes, Crosby's "I'm Dreaming of A White Christmas" was there. Flip side was Bing's "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen." And as a bonus found another 78 favorite, Crosby's "Jingle Bells" and "Santa Claus Is Comin' To Town," assisted by the Andrews Sisters. So there will be Christmas music on Martha St. Did not find a recording of another favorite, "All I Want For Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth."

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The Hokies of VPI&SU are going to Atlanta to play in a bowl football game. Wish them the best.

I spent three days in Atlanta once, went to Stone Mountain, Peachtree Street, Rich's, etc., but the experience I remembered most was when we got on an elevator at Henry W. Grady hotel and as usual I was talking away. The elevator operator broke in and said, "You are from Virginia aren't you?" Asked him how he knew and he replied, "Your accent. I like to hear Virginians talk, for I was born in Lynchburg."

Irwin Russell, "the boy poet" of Mississippi, lived but 26 years. He was born June 3, 1853 in Port Gibson, Miss. He is remembered for many contributions to Southern lore. Last evening I read again his masterpiece, "Christmas Night In The Quarters." If you are interested in knowing what Christmas was like in The Old South, this is it. Especially the frequent references to the Banjo, which Appomattox's Joe Sweeney had invented around 1830. Closing lines of the poem: "Oh! what a blessing 't w'u'd ha' been, Ef Santy had been born a twin! We'd hab Christmas a yeah - Or p'raps one brudder'd settle heah." Ah yes, Christmas stands apart and after all these centuries it stands for salvation, peace, joy and thanksgiving for ONE LIFE. Happy holidays, everybody and seeya around.

County saddened by death of Lou Rogers

Appomattox County was saddened last Thursday when retired school teacher and homemaker, Mrs. Lou Covington Rogers died at her residence, 108 Church Street. Her husband was the late Ernest Carl Rogers.

A daughter of the late Edgar F. Covington and Ida Swan Covington, she was born in Prince Edward County. She attended State Teachers College (now Longwood College) in Farmville and for 39 years was a teacher in the public school system of Appomattox County.

Her teaching career had its beginning in the Vera School and she retired from her teaching career in 1977.

An active member of Memorial United Methodist Church, she sang in the Sanctuary Choir. She was a member of the Fidelis Sunday School Class and the United Methodist Women. In addition to her activities in the church, she was a member of the Retired Teachers Association, the Longwood Alumni Association and the Young Hearts Club.

Surviving are two brothers, Robert Walker Covington, Sr., and Henry J. Covington, both of Pamplin and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Memorial United Methodist Church by the Rev. Edward Leonard. Burial was in the Swan family cemetery.

Lou Covington Rogers

Billing procedures explained

General billing procedures for Appomattox Town sewer and water customers were approved Thursday night by the Mayor and Council.

As a public service to its readers, the **Times-Virginian** is listing the billing criteria as approved:

-All billing is based on 100 percent of metered water consumed.

-Minimum consumption will be established at 4,000 gallons bi-monthly.

-Water and sewer rate per thousand gallons for all consumption over the minimum is billed uniformly to all customers.

-Billing will be bi-monthly.

-The water and sewer connection policy will remain unchanged.

-Billing for all sewer customers outside the town limits who do not have town water service will be based on an average bi-monthly meter consumption for the same billing period of a similar in-town user; i.e., residential, commercial, industrial, etc., except as otherwise determined by Town Council.

-All billing for connections with multiusers on the same connection; i.e., apartment units, multifamily housing, shopping centers, etc., will be computed based on the number of users on the connection with each considered a separate user for the minimum billing portion of the bi-monthly bill. All consumption over the minimum consumption times the number of users on the connection will be billed at the uniform rate provided.

THE BLOODMOBILE FELL SHORT of it's goal of 200 units when only 175 registered to donate blood at the special Appomattox Donorama on December 22. Of the 175 registering, only 158 gave a unit of blood; 17 were deferred. There were 25 first-time donors.

For next week

Early deadline slated

Once again the **Times-Virginian** will be published a day early next week, so that mail subscribers to the paper will receive their copies of the New Year's issue before the post offices close on Thursday.

Final deadline for news, display advertising, classified advertising copy will be 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 29 for publication in the New Year's issue.

Those with news or advertising are encouraged to get their information in to the **Times-Virginian** office on Court Street as soon as possible, preferrably on Friday.

The newspaper office will be closed next Thursday so that members of the staff can enjoy the New Year's holiday.